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ACTIONS OF A SPECIAL NATURE**

Greater Woods Bay Sewer District Preliminary Engineering Report Update  
November 8, 2021  
Greater Woods Bay Sewer District  
PER Update – Administrative Action  
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Lake County

**PURPOSE AND NEED**

Greater Woods Bay Sewer District is requesting DNR grant assistance for a PER update. The most recent PER evaluating the wastewater collection and treatment system was completed in 2014. The 2014 PER identified 1) poor conditions of several individual sewer treatment systems including increasing levels of nitrates in drinking water supplies and 2) documented contribution of nutrients to Flathead Lake by near-shore septic systems. Funding for completion of the identified Alternative has been difficult to acquire and an updated PER is needed to assess current conditions and review/update recommendations for addressing these concerns, allowing the District to consider ARPA and other grant funding moving forward.

The PER update is scheduled for completion during the Winter of 2022.

**Explanation of the decision(s) that must be made regarding the proposed action:**  
DNRC approved the grant to provide funding for the Greater Woods Bay Sewer District.

DNRC is not required to prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA) or an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for actions that qualify for a CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION or justified by a PROGRAMMATIC REVIEW; or are ACTIONS OF A SPECIAL NATURE (ARM 36.2.523(5)). These actions are subject to review for EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES that would require an EA or an EIS.

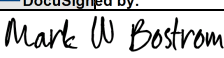
**ACTIONS OF SPECIAL NATURE (ARM 36.2.523)**

- ✓ Administrative actions: routine, clerical or similar functions of a department, including but not limited to administrative procurement, contracts for consulting services, and personnel actions.
- ☐ Minor repairs, operations, or maintenance of existing equipment or facilities.

- ☐ Investigation and enforcement: data collection, inspection of facilities or enforcement of environmental standards.
- ☐ Ministerial actions: actions in which the agency exercises no discretion, but rather acts upon a given state of facts in a prescribed manner.
- ☐ Actions that are primarily social or economic in nature and that do not otherwise affect the human environment.

The project listed above meets the definition of Actions of a Special Nature, Categorical Exclusion or Programmatic Review including specified conditions and Extraordinary Circumstances.

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Google earth map showing Woods Bay and a red dot showing the location of the Bigfork Water and Sewer's wastewater treatment facility. The force main will follow Highway 35